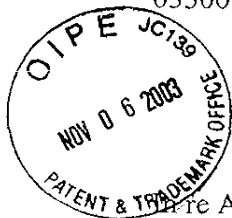


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Re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/779,645

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: ORGANIC SUBSTANCE
REMOVING METHODS,
METHODS OF PRODUCING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE,
AND ORGANIC SUBSTANCE
REMOVING APPARATUSES

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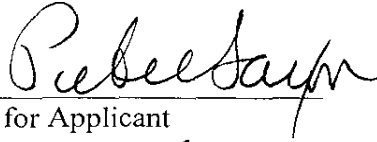
In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of October 8, 2003, Application provisionally elects with traverse Group I, claims 1-31, drawn to a process. Further, once the claims of Group I are deemed allowable, Applicant requests rejoinder of the claims of Group II, claims 32 and 33 under MPEP §821.04.

A search for Group I is believed to include the apparatus of Group II and employing the apparatus of Group II will employ the subject matter of Group I.

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